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THE ladies will give a social Thursday evening, March 1st.

A MAY FESTIVAL.

EVANGELIST W. A. Bodell will assist us in our Easter revival services.

MRS. NEIHOFF now resides in her new house, 92 Edgewater Ave., (Lakeside.)

THE pastor begins his second series of illustrated sermons Sunday evening, March 1st. Subject, "Scenes in the Life of Noah."

MRS. C. C. GUMPPER is now living in her own home on South Webster Street, No. 281.

MRS. WEICKART is visiting friends at Tiffin, O. She will not return until next summer.

SINCE the first of January Mr. Hill's class in the Sabbath School has had the largest collection every Sabbath but one. The boys are determined to lead, and they deserve much credit for their pluck.

THE pastor, in company with Mr. Vining recently called to see Mr. Charles Parker, the young man who, last fall, had his limb injured by a corn cutting machine. We were glad to find him getting along so well. There is every indication that his limb will be all right again.

The ladies of the church have decided to hold a May Festival, continuing two or three days. They intend renting a suitable room somewhere in the business part of the city, and serve meals and have a sale of articles. The festival will be held the 1st and 2nd of May. It is to be hoped that all the members of the church will give the ladies their assistance in this enterprise. The all-day sewings at the church should be attended by all the women of the church.

SECOND SERIES OF ILLUSTRATED SERMONS.

Subject: "Scenes in the Life of Noah."

March 1st, 7:30 p. m. "Noah's Faith."

March 8th, 7:30 p. m. "Entering the Ark."

March 15th, 7:30 p. m. "Deceitful Hiding Places."

March 22nd, 7:30 p. m. "The Rewards of Faith."

The paintings for this series of Sabbath evening sermons are in a very good condition, and we are quite certain will be very instructive. You should hear every sermon in this series.

SUPPER AND ENTERTAINMENT.

Thursday, March 5, the First Division of the Woman's Aid Society will give a supper and entertainment at the church. The ladies will give one of their old-fashioned suppers. Do not take your supper at home but come to the church and have a square meal, and spend the evening. Bring your friends with you.

EASTER EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.

The pastor is arranging for the special Easter meetings, and has the promise of the efficient services of Evangelist Rev. W. A. Bodell, who was with us in a meeting last year. The Sabbath evening and mid-week services during the month of March will be strictly evangelistic in their character. During the two weeks preceding Easter, (April 5th,) there will be services each evening. Rev. W. A. Bodell will be here to begin his work on Sabbath, March 29th, and remain with us until Easter, and possibly the week after. During the week beginning with March 22d, the pastor expects to have the assistance of some of the pastors of the city in the meetings. Let us look forward to a season of special work for the Lord. The members of the church should begin at once to advertise these services, and to work for their success. Bring your unsaved friends to the Sabbath evening and mid-week services, and do all you can to lead them to the Lord. The success of our meetings depends largely upon the work we do.

"Expecting great things from God.

Attempting great things for God."

THE AID SOCIETY.

The following ladies constitute the executive committee of the Aid Society for the ensuing year: Mrs. Jacob Rudisil, James Lonnergan and C. F. Close.

The membership of the church has been divided into three divisions. These will give socials in their regular order, beginning with division No. 1.

The divisions are as follows:

No. 1.—Mesdames J. Rudisil, C. H. Gump-
per, A. C. Katt, J. Bottger, James Evard,
S. Lantz, A. Guilaum, C. W. Buck, Geo.
Miller, Rachel Wells, W. Kirkham, W.
Friend, S. Fredrick, Edith Hollencamp, C.
Wingate, W. H. Riley, O. Foncanon, M.
Blum, Harry A. Keplinger, Perry Archer,
Rufus Drukenbrod, Allie Mullen, Mabel
Clayton, John Bighier, Francis Shearer,
Mary Lewis, J. G. Zimmer, Mary Rudisil,
Florence Wait, Ida Kirkham, Clara Perry,
Fannie Kirkham, Lillie Kirkham, Estella
Havens, Daisy Jones, Jennie Wells, Orpha
Evard, Lillie Evard, Lizzie Rudisil.

No. 2.—Mesdames James Lonergan, Geo.
Hesserd, Geo. Soliday, A. K. Zartman,
Sarah Knight, John Sweet, Frank Bercot,
Martha Bishop, A. R. Hills, Geo. Saffen,
William Moore, S. Hively. Margaret Bog-
er, Sarah Weikart, Jennie Weikart, John
Chadwick, Wm. Traxler, C. Parker, P.
Heyman, T. Thompson, John Yennie, Su-
san Smith, Ed. Seibolt, W. H. Braithwait,
C. Richards, Mattie Jackson, Nellie
French, Lyda Doermer, Lillie Johnson,
Grace Little, Augusta Pratt, Maud Trax-
ler, May Schaick, Jennie Hively, Emma
Schwartz, Emma Bercot, Josie Zartman.

No. 3.—Mesdames C. F. Close, J. Vining,
C. C. Gumper, S. Dukeman, D. Henderson,
H. Kessler, A. Barbier, W. Cutler, Mary
Filley, D. Walters, S. Wertman, Chas.
Habecker, J. Certia, Ed. Chausse, F. D.
Paulus, Martha Hobson, Katie Yergens,
John Schnieder, Anna Niehoff, Herman
Tapp, Ernest Vordermark, Katie Paschal,
James Smith, Geo. Smith, John Smith,
Lillie Walters, Jennie Walters, Daisy
Walters, Mollie Schneider, Tena Welden,
Carie Vining, Kittie Vining, Hattie Filley,
Bertha Cour, Gertie Thompson, Lillie
Vordermark, C. Niehoff, Celia Amiet.

THE SICK.

L. W. Hills has been in the sick list, and was detained from the Sabbath School and church one Sabbath. We are glad that he recovered so quickly.

Mrs. Moore has been seriously ill, and has not been out for two weeks. We are all glad to know that she is recovering again.

Mr. Drukenbrod has recently undergone a serious operation. He has been afflicted with a fever sore on his right limb for a number of years, and it was hoped that the sore would be healed up, but it was stubborn and would not yield. The doctor finally thought it best to use the knife, and the diseased flesh was removed. The sore is now in a fair way of healing.

Mrs. French has been confined to the house all winter, but is able to be up and about nearly all the time. We hope when spring comes and the weather becomes pleasant, that she will be able to get out again.

Phillip Heyman has been housed up nearly all winter. The sudden changes in this climate seem to be very much against him. He is now trying to sell his property and store, and if the sales are made, the family will likely move to California where the climate will be more favorable.

Ida Wenninghoff had a severe fall in the early part of January, from which she has been confined to the house ever since. She sprained her limb, producing an abscess, and causing a great deal of suffering. She has felt very much disappointed that she had to be out of the Sabbath School for so long a time, and it may yet be some weeks before she can be out.

Mrs. Wingate has been indisposed for some weeks past. We called to see her recently and found her some better. She thinks she will be able to get out to the services regularly before long. A must will only detain her.

MISS NELLIE FRENCH and Miss Emma Schwartz made a canvass of the church and secured a sufficient amount of money to buy linen for the tables at the church. They purchased nearly 30 yards. These ladies deserve a vote of thanks for their work.

THE TRAVELING MEN'S PEW.

We give below the names of the men who contributed to the Traveling Men's Pew in the new church. L. W. Hills did the soliciting:

M. L. Pierce, No. 20 Park Place, New York City, \$2 00.

E. F. Garrison, 495 Gilbert Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, 50c.

H. Brethouwer, Sheboygan, Wis., 50c.

E. B. Ensworth, Toledo, Ohio, care Brown, Eager & Hall, \$1.00.

H. H. Andrews, 441 12th St., Toledo, Ohio, 50c.

H. Schladetsch, 413 E. Bancroft, Toledo, Ohio, 50c.

Arthur Watts, New Brighton, Pa., \$1.00.

W. S. Prugh, 47 Western Ave., Allegheny, Pa., 50c.

J. A. Moore, 443 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa., 25c.

W. H. Phillips, 122 East 114 St., N. Y., 25c.

W. R. Magers, care Keen & Hagerty, Baltimore, Md., 50c.

F. Waukelman, 249 Dayton Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, 30c.

Karl Mueller, 600 Jackson Ave., Milwaukee, Wis., 30c.

H. Scraft, 38 East 28th St., N. Y., 40c.

Chas. Denvel, Pittsburgh, Pa., no home, 10c.

W. P. Caryl, 111 Waverly Place, N. Y., 40c.

J. M. Sells, Columbus, Ohio, 20c.

J. E. Hull, 19 Myrtle Ave., Detroit, Mich., 40c.

J. J. Anderson, 390 Broadway, New York, 50c.

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REV. BOGART, paster of the Waterloo charge, called at the parsonage recently. He is conducting a series of revival meetings at the Salem Reformed church. He says the outlook for a good meeting is very encouraging.

ON the last Sabbath of each month, a special offering will be received to defray the expenses of the singers of the choir. The consistory found that it was difficult to keep a choir unless the singers received some remuneration for their work. The services of the quartett have been secured for \$3.50 a Sabbath. The singers can be relied upon, and we feel confident will continue to be a great help to us in our services. The amount to be paid is so small that with a very little effort it can easily be raised. Let each member of the church bring an extra dime, quarter, or half dollar once a month and we shall have no difficulty in raising the \$3.50 per month.

THE attendance at the Sabbath evening services to hear the pastor's illustrated sermons on "Glimpses of Eternity," was very large, and much interest was manifested. The meetings have been evangelistic in their aim, and we have been rejoiced to see the good results from these services. A number of persons have been awakened; some have been expressed their purpose of accepting Christ, while many

others have asked prayers for themselves and friends. The pastor expects to continue these Sabbath evening revival services, and intends to begin another series of illustrated sermons the first Sabbath evening in March. The Wednesday evening services will also be regular gospel meetings.

DURING the middle of last month the pastor spent the greater part of a week with Rev. J. H. Albright in revival meetings which he was holding with a congregation organized in his charge about a year ago, near Helmer, Ind. It was a great pleasure for us to be with this brother in these services, and to meet the people of that church and community. This church has had quite a struggle, encountering some very unpleasant opposition, but the pastor and people were faithful to their mission, and now they are reaping the good results of their work. The pastor and church have the sympathy, and hearty support of the community, and we feel certain that this congregation will soon become one of the leading churches in the Union Charge. The people received us very kindly, and it gave us great pleasure to preach to them, and we shall hope that the whole community may soon be brought to Christ. As a result of this meeting some twenty were added to the church. From various sources we learned of the good work which Bro. Albright is doing in this field. The outlook is very promising, and the harvest seems to be fully ripe for a great ingathering. We were glad to meet also Mrs. Albright, son and daughter, and mother at these meetings.

MR. HILLS generously donated the Valentines for the young people's social.

DR. G. B. M. BOWER has removed his removed his office from 72 Harrison street to 90 East Berry street.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM.

SEVENTH LORD'S DAY.

Question 20—Are all men then saved by Christ, as they have perished by Adam?

Answer—No; only such as by true faith are ingrafted into Him, and receive all His benefits.

Question 21—What is true faith?

Answer—It is not only a certain knowledge, whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in His word; but also a hearty trust, which the Holy Ghost works in me by the Gospel, that not only to others, but to me also, forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness and salvation, are freely given by God, merely of grace, for the sake of Christ's merits.

Question 22—What is then necessary for a Christian to believe?

Answer—All that is promised us in the Gospel, which the articles of our catholic, undoubted Christian faith teach us in sum.

Question 23—What are these Articles?

Answer—1. I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

2. And Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord.

3. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary.

4. Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell.

5. The third day He arose from the dead.

6. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

7. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

8. I believe in the Holy Ghost.

9. The Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints.

10. The forgiveness of sins.

11. The resurrection of the body.

12. And the life everlasting.

EIGHTH LORD'S DAY.

Question 24—How are these Articles divided.

Answer—Into three parts: the first is of God the Father, and our creation; the second, of God and Son, and our redemption; the third, of God the Holy Ghost, and our sanctification.

Question 25—Since there is but one Divine Being, why speakest thou of three; Father, Son and Holy Ghost?

Answer—Because God has so revealed Himself in His word, that these three distinct Persons are the one, true, eternal God.

NINTH LORD'S DAY.

Question 26—What dost thou believe when thou sayest: I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH?

Answer—That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who of nothing made heaven and earth, with all that in them is, who likewise upholds and governs the same by His eternal counsel and providence, is for the sake of Christ His Son my God and my Father; in whom I so trust, as to have no doubt that he will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul; and further, whatever He sends upon me in this vale of tears He will turn to my good; for He is able to do it, being Almighty God, and willing also, being a faithful Father.

TENTH LORD'S DAY.

Question 27. What dost thou understand by the Providence of God?

Answer—The almighty everywhere present power of God, whereby, as it were by His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth, with all creatures; and so governs them; that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness and property, yea, all things, come not by chance, but by His fatherly hand.

Question 28. What does it profit us to know that God has created, and by His providence still uphold all things?

Answer—That we may be patient in adversity; thankful in prosperity; and for what is future, have good confidence in our faithful God and Father, that no creature shall separate us from His love; since all creatures, are so in His hand, thus, without His will they cannot so much as move.

ELEVENTH LORD'S DAY.

Question 29. Why is the Son of God called JESUS, that is Savior?

Answer—Because He saves us from our sins; and no salvation is to be either sought or found in any other.

Question 30—Do such then believe in the only Saviour Jesus, who seek their salvation and welfare of saints, of themselves, or anywhere else?

Answer—No; although they may make their boast of Him, yet in act they deny the only Saviour Jesus. For either Jesus is not a complete Saviour, or they who by the true faith receive this Saviour, must have in Him all that is necessary to their salvation.

Question 31—Why is he called CHRIST, that is, Anointed?

Because He is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Ghost, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning redemption; and our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and ever liveth to make intercession for us with the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by His word and spirit, and defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

THE MEN'S LEAGUE.

At the call of the pastor a meeting of the men of the church was held at the close of the Sabbath evening service, Dec. 22, for the purpose of organizing a Men's

League. At this meeting the pastor was appointed temporary chairman and Samuel Wertman secretary. The names of the men wishing to form a League were enrolled and a committee was appointed to draft a constitution. A second meeting was called by the pastor and convened Sabbath Evening, Jan. 19th. After the calling of the roll, the following constitution was read and adopted:

ARTICLE 1.

NAME.

The name of this Association shall be The Men's League of the Grace Reformed Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this League shall be to promote Christian fellowship; to endeavor to bring others into that fellowship, and increase the efficiency of our Sunday services.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

All male persons in full fellowship of the church, are entitled to full membership of the League. All other male persons are eligible to associate membership in the League, and shall become members when their names have been presented to and accepted by the Membership Committee. If the name of a candidate is not accepted by the Membership Committee, it shall report its action, and reasons for the same to the Executive Committee; but the action of the Membership Committee shall be final, unless overruled by the Executive Committee.

The power of voting shall be vested in those who are full members of the League.

It is understood that all who join the League, whether as full or associate members, will heartily co-operate, as they can, in carrying out its plans and, when called upon, serve on committees.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

The officers of this League shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treas-

urer, who shall be full members of the League, and shall be elected at the regular meeting in January of each year, by ballot, by a majority, and shall hold their respective offices for twelve months, or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEE.

An Executive Committee, of which the President of the League shall be chairman, consisting of the Pastor, the officers of the League and the chairmen of the committees hereinafter referred to, shall have general charge and oversight of the interests of the League.

The officers, together with the Pastor, shall appoint the following committees, who shall serve for twelve months, viz:

1. *A Finance Committee*, of which the treasurer shall be chairman, whose duty it shall be to provide funds for the necessary expenses of the League.

2. *A Committee on Invitation and Welcome*, whose duty it shall be to invite, personally or by card, strangers and non-attendants of the church, to the church services, and which shall act also as a general Welcome and Departure Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to apportion the pews of the church among themselves for the purpose of making people welcome. Each member of the committee shall have a number of pews assigned him and it shall be his duty, with such help as he may secure, to greet the strangers and occasional attendants seated in his his pews and invite them to attend regularly the services of the church. They shall endeavor to introduce strangers to the Pastor.

3. *A Membership Committee*, the duty of which shall be to secure and admit members.

4. *An Entertainment Committee*. The members of this committee shall have the entire charge of the social features of the League. They shall provide what entertainment they see fit, in order to en-

courage a spirit of fellowship among the members. They shall arrange socials, receptions, etc., to be given under the auspices of the League for the purpose of enlisting others in the work. They shall be the reception committee on such occasions.

5. *A Lookout Committee*. It shall be the duty of this committee to invite the men of the church and congregation to identify themselves with the League, to give cordial welcome to the men who unite with the church, and to have supervision of the membership of the League, calling upon those who may be absent for a considerable length of time.

ARTICLE VI.

AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting at which a quorum of seven members shall be present.

ARTICLE VII.

MEETING.

The regular meetings of the League shall be held on the last Tuesday night of each month. Special meetings may be called at any time by our pastor, or by the president, on the written request of three members, due notice to be given of such meetings from the pulpit.

After the adoption of the constitution, officers were elected as follows:

President, Perry J. Archer.

Vice President, Charles H. Gumpper.

Secretary, Samuel Wertman.

Treasurer, Leslie W. Hills.

The League has twenty charter members, and starts out with the prospects of doing a great work for the church.

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 Weekly Prayer Meeting Sabbath Evening at 6:45.

PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

March 1—What is involved in loyalty to Christ? Luke 10: 25-37. L. W. Hills.

March 8—Heroes of missions. 2 Cor 11: 23-28. (Let each Endeavor give an instance of missionary heroism.) Mrs Zartman.

March 15—Keeping our pledge in spirit and in letter. Matt. 26: 31-41. Willie Rudisil.

March 22—"Diligent in business " Prov. 6: 6-11; Jos. 2 22: 5. Willie Walters.

March 29—Things that keep us from God. Prov. 6: 16-19; 8: 13-17. Jennie Hively.

TEH-Valentine Social of the young people was a great success. The postoffice did a thriving business, and the ice cream was in great demand. A second supply of cream was ordered, and still there was a scream for cream. The entertainment was well received, and every person had a pleasant time. Grace Church only needs to announce a social and entertainment and the crowd is sure to come. The young people will realize \$22.00 or \$23.00 above expenses out of their social.

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